Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Mar 2021 at 14:40

Confidence: High for the main themes with cold, showery conditions this weekend replaced by more settled, drier weather next week. Some uncertainty in extent of rain and hill snow on Sunday and cloud amounts next week.

Headline for Saturday 13 Mar 2021: Cold and windy with sleet or snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	60%	60%	40%	20%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Weather: Long periods of heavy rain and hill snow overnight with blizzards on the tops. A mixture of bright intervals and occasional snow showers through the day, mainly falling as rain or sleet below 300m. Some showers will be heavy with hail and possibly thunder. Showers becoming more isolated through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight then 20-40% during the day.

Visibility: Very poor at height overnight. Frequent cloud above 600 or 700m, occasionally down to lower slopes in showers. Excellent between showers, especially in the east. Visibility quickly changing as showers pass through but you will see these approaching from the west during the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	43/55 W	41/53 W	43/56 W	34/45 W	32/44 W	34/47 W	34/46 W	33/45 W	26/37 NW
600	32/43 W	30/41 W	31/44 W	26/37 W	24/35 W	25/37 W	24/36 W	24/36 W	20/30 NW
300	21/38 W	21/38 W	22/40 W	18/33 W	18/33 W	18/34 W	17/33 W	18/33 W	14/27 NW
Valley	21/37 W	22/38 W	23/40 W	20/34 W	19/33 W	19/35 W	18/34 W	19/34 W	15/28 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	-1/-11	-2/-12	-2/-12	-3/-12	-2/-11	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-8
600	1/-7	-0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	0/-7	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	1/-5
300	3/-2	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	3/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1
Valley	5/-0	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	5/-0	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/0
Freezing Level*	700m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	600m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold at height with a severe wind chill. Sudden gusts up to 55mph possible as heavy showers move through.

Forecast for Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Weather: Bright or clear intervals and a few showers overnight and during the morning, falling as snow above 500m. Longer spells of rain and sleet, with snow above 800m, late morning and afternoon. Becoming dry with clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: West or Northwest 20mph gusts 30mph, but 30mph gusts 45mph for a time on high summits and ridges.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% at first, becoming 10% in late morning and afternoon then 70% in evening.

Visibility: Occasional cloud above 600m, otherwise mainly good at first in the morning. More extensive cloud during the late morning and afternoon, bases 400-600m. Becoming good in the evening as cloud clears.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 5 rising to 7 or 8C.
At 800m: Around 0C rising to 2C.
Freezing level: 700-900m, rising above summits for a time.

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Ground Conditions Supplement
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